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TAGS: PFOR, SA, YS, XW

SUBJECT: CASTRO'S VISIT TO PDRY
REF: JIDDA 2013
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3. THE EXTENT TO WHICH CASTRO IS ACTING AT SOVIET INITIATIVE IN THESE ENDEAVORS IS UNCERTAIN. CASTRO HAS HIS OWN GOALS AND INTERESTS TO PURSUE, BUT THEY ARE CLEARLY IN HARMONY WITH THOSE OF THE USSR, AND IT MUST BE ASSUMED THAT, AT A MINIMUM, THE SOVIETS APPROVE OF HIS ACTIVITIES AND HAVE PREVIOUSLY DISCUSSED AFRICAN POLICY WITH CUBAN OFFICIALS.
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